



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
Held at Hutton House,
Durham Road, Chilton on
Tuesday 9th October 2007
At 6.30 p.m.

Mayor: *M. Errington* **Deputy Mayor:** *A. Bruce*

Present: *Councillors V. Collinson, Mrs M. Walton, Mrs E. Bruce, J. Lee,
J.B. Turner, B. Jones, P. Davies.*

Apologies: *L. Potts, G. Attwood, E. Campbell*

Clerk: *P. Gray*

Press: None

Public: None

01.10.07 **Mayor/Chairman Remarks**

Councillor Errington welcomed all to the meeting.

02.10.07 **Declaration of Interest**

No member had any pecuniary interest in the agenda.

03.10.07 **Police Report**

Emailed Police report was given by the clerk. September/October 2007

Chilton	
Dwelling House Burglary	5

Attempted House Burglary	0
Burglary Other	0
Violence Against Persons (Assault)	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Vehicle's T.W.O.C	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Attempted Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Theft	4
Drug/Substances Misuse	0
Criminal Damage	9
Rowdy/Nuisance Behaviour	24
Hate Crime	0
Number of Crimes (regarding above)	20
Total Number of Incidents Reported	181

PC Hall sent his apologies for tonight's meeting. PC Hall emailed this police report.

This month has seen a sharp increase in burglary incidents. In particular garages and sheds have been targeted and motorbikes have been taken. 1 person is currently under arrest in relation to these incidents.

There has been an increase in reported rowdy/nuisance calls especially in relation to the five rows area where a small number of people have caused problems for local residents. PC Hall advised he would be monitoring this situation.

Members were unhappy that there was no Police presence again. Members reported anti social behaviour happening around Prospect Terrace, Arthur Street. Member requested a letter be sent to Inspector Bentham inviting to the next Council meeting to convey they concerns regarding anti social behaviour specially now the dark evening are approaching.

Councillor Collinson informed members of an anti social behaviour incident last Thursday in the library at Chilton. A group of up to 10 girls at about 5.30 p.m. were creating havoc. Library staff tried contacting neighbourhood services and told no one was available to attend. Councillor Collinson suggests contacting the Neighbourhood Wardens to see if they could attend on a Thursday evening between 5.30 to 7.00 p.m.

Neighbourhood Warden – Kimberly

Kimberly sent her apologies has she was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

04.10.07 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of ordinary meeting held September 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

05.10.07 Environmental Committee

Allotments

Councillor Davies informed members that the Allotment Committee are now tightening up on the rules, the committee will no longer accept excuses because people are working away. The Allotment Committee will also be monitoring water usage and identify water meters where potential high outputs are originating.

Councillor Bruce expressed concerns about boundary fencing at Prospect Terrace. The clerk said he will be measuring part of the fence line and purchasing pig mesh and posts to stop any horses encroaching onto allotments.

*It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Councillors Davies and A. Bruce's report.*

Cemetery

Councillor A. Bruce informed members there was nothing to report.

Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

06.10.07 **Northumbria in Bloom**

Nothing to report.

Chilton in Bloom

Councillor Bruce informed members the turf should be laid next week weather permitting. Members congratulated the Chilton in Bloom Committee for their commitment to redeveloping the memorial garden and fund raising that's taking place over the last 15 months.

*It was **RESOLVED** to accept Councillor A. Bruce's report and congratulations to the Chilton in Bloom committee for their dedicated work.*

07.10.07 **Public Participation 20 minutes**

No members of the public attended.

08.10.07 **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Councillor Turner informed the members he is attending the C.A.B Annual General Meeting to be held on 17th October 2007.

09.10.07 **Chilton Partnership**

Nothing to report.

10.10.07 **Staff Update**

Nothing to report.

11.10.07 **SBC C.C.T.V / Town Council C.C.T.V**

Chilton Town Council C.C.T.V is working fine. The Town Council are still not receiving any C.C.T.V reports from Sedgefield Borough Council. These were promised quarterly by both Andrew Aitken and Karen Steel.

*It was **RESOLVED** to send a letter to Alan Blakemore expressing the Councils frustrations at not receiving any information at an annual cost to the rate payers of Chilton of over £6000 for C.C.T.V monitoring.*

12.10.07 **South Downs Play Area**

The clerk informed members that work to remove the Pentlands Play Area will be removed after the school holidays mid October. The swings will remain.

*It was **RESOLVED** to accept the clerk report.*

13.10.07 **Finance & Planning Committee**

Councillor E. Bruce informed the clerk an item within the expenditure report listed Councillor Walton and E. Bruce attending a training session but no cost was allocated. The clerk said it was oversight and would amend the financial report to include the invoice cost.

*It was **RESOLVED** to amend the Finance minutes to include invoice of £70.50 for training of Councillor's E. Bruce and M. Walton.*

14.10.07 **Accounts for Payment – Financial Report**

The following payments were **authorised**;

Cheques for Payment September, October 2007

		<i>Cheque No</i>	
DMH Solutions	Risk Assessment	678	£91.87
A&S Taxis	Members taxis	679	£30.00
Cllr B. Jones	Expenses	680	£25.45
Cllr J. Lee	Expenses	681	£12.72
RJ Bowes	Pie & Peas Charity Night	682	£346.50
New Yorkers	Mayors Charity	683	£60.00
Wharton Landscapes	LIP project	684	£16,421.82
Premier Traffic	Miners Gala Day	685	£205.63

Vanilla Print	Letter heads/Business	686	£493.30
PlaySafety	R.O.S.P.A	687	£211.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £17,898.79

Direct Debits/Standing Orders September/October 2007

Payee	Purpose	Amount
Co-Op Loan – Office Extension	Loan	2126.00
Automatic Retailing	Coffee Machines	0.00
Xerox BNP Paribas	Photocopier	0.00
B.T. NE19432274000	Land line	0.00
B.T. WM34853285Q022	Land line	0.00
B.T. Contract Rental 06063034-5	System	0.00
Northumbrian W 22497645001x	Water – West Chilton all	65.21
Northumbrian W 210036150044	Water – West Chilton all	39.08
Northumbrian W 210036150026	Water – West Chilton all	110.92
Northumbrian W 210036150017	Water – Prospect Tce all	165.94
Northumbrian W 210036150053	Water – Hamilton Way all	253.03
Northumbrian W 210249200014	Water -	9.87
Northumbrian W 308056470015	Water -	35.00
Sedgefield Borough Council 052587	Rates – Hutton House	73.00
Sedgefield Borough Council 159612	Rates	275.00
Sedgefield Borough Council 161150	Rates	81.00
HFGL Limited 528446/001		260.43
PB Purchase Power	Postage	157.51
Visa Payment		164.92
HSBC	Charges	44.68
Sedgefield Borough Council 80011618	Salaries	4000
Siemens 064-3104	CCTV	146.48
Siemens 064-3313	CCTV	940.78
Npower 79964403790	Elect	32.00
BT VP83194270M00501	Line	618.35
Npower 79159492840	Elect	327.86
Zoom CCTV	CCTV maintenance	0.00
Society of Local Council Clerk	Subscription	0.00
Npower 79123628510	Elect	0.00
Northumbria W 210036150071	Water -	131.13
Northumbria W 210036150080	Water -	152.77
K.V. Grounds Maintenance	Horticultural Contract	4837.80
British Gas 850003155463	Hutton House	82.50

Income received from 12th September to 9th October 2007

Date	Payment From	Reference	Amount (£)
12/09/07		Civic	21.00
12/09/07		Vat claim - log 2	6173.49
13/09/07		Civic	24.50
14/09/07	Cleveland Monumental	Memorial fees for late Ethel Nixon	60.00
14/09/07		Civic	24.50
15/09/07		Civic	17.50
17/09/07		Allotment	15.00
17/09/07		Civic	7.00
18/09/07	North East Granite	Memorial fees for late Joan Nelson	60.00
18/09/07		Civic	19.00
19/09/07		Civic	31.50
20/09/07		Civic	45.50
21/09/07		Civic	7.00
24/09/07	Cleveland Monumental	Memorial fees for late Bowtell	344.00
24/09/07		Civic	397.06
01/10/07		Civic	6.00
01/10/07	Sedgefield Borough Council		3219.00
02/10/07		Civic	10.50
03/10/07	G Fletcher & Sons	Memorial fees for late Thomas Turnbull - F278	452.00
03/10/07		Civic	18.50
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15.10.07 **Correspondence for Action**

- A letter was received from Mr Robert Kelly representing the Methodist Church, Chilton. The letter was copied to Phil Wilson M.P. and Durham County Council regarding the bus shelter outside of the Methodist Church. This issue was raised a number of times at the Durham Road Development Committee meetings and with Durham County Council Highway Department

*It was **RESOLVED** to receive the letter from Mr Kelly. The Council to sent a letter of support to Mr Kelly and to seek the support of Phil Wilson MP for Sedgefield.*

16.10.07 **Correspondence for Information**

- A letter of thanks was received from Mr B .Fuller R.S.P.C.A, North Teesside & District Branch thanking the Council for the use of Hutton House. The R.S.P.C.A dealt with 67 people concerning their pets, microchipped 59 dogs and issued 25 neutering vouchers.

*It was **RESOLVED** to receive the letter of thanks.*

- A letter was received from Mrs Bowtell concerning housing improvements in Chilton. Members felt this letter should be forwarded onto Sedgfield Borough Council's Housing Section to deal with.

*It was **RESOLVED** to forward Mrs Bowtell's letter to Sedgfield Borough Council.*

- A report document was received from Northumbria in Bloom judges concerning observations during their visits in the spring and summer. The recommendations were noted for next year's competition.

*It was **RESOLVED** to receive the document.*

- The Annual Report 2006/2007 of County Durham Association of Local Councils was received.

*It was **RESOLVED** to receive the annual report.*

- A brochure was received from DEFRA titled "Ways to tackle climate change" launched by Jonathan Shaw, Minister for Marine, Landscape & Rural Affairs.

*It was **RESOLVED** to receive the brochure.*

- A brochure was received from Durham Rural Community Council called "Community New" issue 105.

*It was **RESOLVED** to receive the brochure.*

- A copy of Chilton Community Partnership minutes was received.

*It was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes.*

Meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.

Next Town Council meeting to be held at Hutton House, Durham Road, Chilton.

Tuesday 13th November 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

Signed as a true and correct record.....

Councillor Maureen Errington, Mayor

Date:.....